

# COBB COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

## MINUTES

May 13, 2025

Cobb County PARKS Recreation Board – May 13, 2025, 6:00 PM

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Absent:</b>	<b>PARKS Staff Present:</b>
Jill Flamm	Nathan Wade	Michael Brantley
Demetrius Lockett		Jordan Wood
Elliott Hennington		Mario Henson
John Pape		Jud Martin
Bill Carver		Derrell Walker
Michael Edwards		Giselle Jaquez
Wynn McCurdy		
Kennall Mond		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Demetrius Lockett called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

II. INVOCATION

Wynn McCurdy opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jill Flamm and the Rec Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF April 8, 2025, MINUTES

**MOTION:** Motion made by John Pape and seconded by Bill Carver to approve the April 8, 2025, Recreation Board minutes.

**VOTE: 8-0;** Nathan Wade was absent for the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Cynthia Patterson introduced herself. Morning Washburn complemented PARKS staff, specifically those at Hyde Farm for their work. She pointed out 2 errors in the photo collection at Hyde. Morning will also present photos of Hyde Farm during the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

V. SPLOST UPDATES

Jud Martin

- SPLOST Budget Update:  
2011 Projects – 98% Completed: 2% Future Projects. (Fullers, Hyde, and Mt. Bethel)  
2016 Projects – 97% Completed; 2% Design; 1% Under Construction; 2% Future Project (Future Project: Hyde) All projects are underway currently.  
2022 Projects – 62% Future; 28% Completed; >10% Construction Underway; <6% Design/Engineering (Future Projects: Ebenezer Downs, Shaw Park, Al Bishop Synthetic Turf & LED Lights Upgrade, and Price Bridge)

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### Project Summary: 2011

- SPLOST Budget Update:
- Various Projects –
  - Fullers Field 1 Infield synthetic turf replacement: 5 bids received. Will go in front of the BOC on 6/10.
  - Power-Jackson Cabin is permitted. We are working on site work bids.

### Rhyne Park

- Paint on all structures, LED conversion on Field 1 and turf install on Fields 2 & 4 are complete.
- Grading on Field 1 has begun.
- Concrete sidewalks install continues and fencing will continue once other trades are out of the way.
- The entry sign will be installed by the end of May.
- Work to be fully completed by end of June.

### Project Summary 2016:

#### Hyde Farm Pavilion

- Building is in production and should be onsite by mid-June. The install is set to start in July. The pavilion is 32'x 20', located adjacent to the maintenance barn.

#### Milford Recreation Center

- The grand opening is this Saturday. The punch list is near completion. FF&E continues to be delivered. We are waiting on Comcast to bring internet to the building.

### Project Summary: 2022

- Terrell Mill Restroom/Pavilion –
  - Submitted permitting on 5/9 for 4 separate family style restrooms, a 1500 sq ft pavilion and ADA connection to the existing playground walkway.

### Synthetic Turf Conversion-

- Lost Mountain & Wallace- All grading and curb are complete. The fence posts are installed. The access road between fields at Lost Mountain are 98% complete and sidewalk install is ongoing. Both should be completed by the end of August.

### Technology, Life Safety, & Security

- Round 3 of security camera installations at the following locations:
  - Floyd Road/Comet Trail Cycles
  - Lost Mountain Tennis Center
  - Mable House Arts Center
  - Fullers Recreation Center
  - Terrell Mill Tennis Center

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- Fair Oaks Tennis Center

### West Cobb Aquatic Center-

- Completed and opening on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Wildhorse Creek Pavilion-

- We had to slide the location due to an underground power line. The building has been delivered and site work begins this week.

### 2022 Various Projects-

- Ward Renovation- Received 4 bids from qualified bidders. Went before BOC for approval today.
- Fullers ADA- Currently bidding with annual contractors.
- Seven Spring Shade Structures- Should arrive Mid-May. Goal is to complete by Memorial Day.
- South Cobb Sealcoat- Ongoing. Should be complete by this Friday. Seal coating and striping all parking lot, drives and restriping.

## VI. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Mario Henson

### Services

Summer camp preparations are underway for staff onboarding. The waiting list for campers has increased to 70 kids.

### Recreation

- **Ron Anderson**- Elections held in April for both Old Clarkdale Comm Center and Ron Anderson Rec Ctr.
- Line dancing classes have the highest enrollment with over 65 participants.
- **TRS/Windyhill**- Over 100 athletes will be representing Cobb County at Special Olympics Georgia Summer Games at Emory University from May 16-18
- TRS Karaoke Night – May 30<sup>th</sup>

### Tennis

- May is National Tennis Month. Each tennis center is hosting a community event.
- Registration for summer tennis classes is in progress. Classes begin the weeks of 6/2 and 7/21.
- **Harrison Tennis Center** - May 17-19 - National 12s Level II Tournament
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – AYTEF Block Party

### Arts/Cultural Affairs

- **The Art Place** is launching its FREE series “Scene on the Green” this summer. It will be a mixture of outdoor theater productions, movies, and concerts.
- **The Art Station** is seeking vendors for their new August “Yart” sale which will take place on 8/30. The deadline to apply to vend is 7/13.
- **The Mable House Arts Center** has a fiber arts exhibit called “Uprooted Ties” by the artist Krista Voto until 5/21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Sewell Mill Cultural Center** is hosting the fast-approaching Mini-Con on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

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Derrell Walker

### Operations:

#### Natural Resources:

- Hyde Farm hosted the Fishing Rodeo on 4/26.
- The next Fishing Rodeo will take place at Furr on 5/31 from 9-11 am.

#### Bishop Zone:

- The Shrine Circus is May 16<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> at Jim Miller.
- Wallace Park speed breakers in parking lots 2&3: Parking lot 2 will be complete once the turf is installed.

#### Additional Notes/Dates:

- Silver Comet Trail will be closed 5/19-8/4 at Camp Highland overpass due to slope stabilization construction.
- Grass soccer fields will be closed from 6/1-8/4 for annual maintenance.
- Tennis court #1 will be closed at Wildhorse Creek Park due to vehicle accident. Repairs are underway.

Jordan Wood

### Capital Programs:

#### P-ARPA Fair Oaks/ Booth Road:

- Stakeholder feedback and Design Development are complete. We are moving to construction documents.
- Fair Oaks- 1 Synthetic Turf MP Field, 6 Pickleball courts gravel walking track lighting upgrade, fencing, and resurfacing the basketball goals with new goals.
- Booth Road – Practice Cricket Pitch (like a batting cage), hybrid Cricket Field, asphalt parking lot, entry improvements, playground, and restroom facility.

#### Swingtime Access Road – FY 23 Project

- Contractor, Bartow Paving, has completed clearing and grubbing, curb and gutter, and GAB for access road. The duration for completion- within 6 months- is on track.
- Reminder: The Swingtime parking lot is closed during construction. Temporary parking for disc golf is provided via gravel lot at the Oregon Park entrance.

#### Various Projects:

- Civic Center Staging – Received stage decks; still waiting on other equipment.
- Civic Center Stage lighting- Equipment received, awaiting install.
- East Cobb Bridge Renovations – Materials received. Elk Construction will begin work on 5/24. The bridge will be close for approximately 2 months.
- Mable House Amphitheatre Reno – Pricing with Unit Price contractors. The PO was issued for the 20'x40' LED screen.
- Mable House Historic area Concrete – The PO was issued.

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- Miller Projectors – Equipment received and installed. We are awaiting the programmer to program system.
- Art Place Lighting - Equipment received, awaiting install.

Michael Brantley

### PARKS Update:

*Michael shared today was the first BOC meeting with the new 5-member commission. Commissioner Eric Allen was sworn in last week. The Public Services Department has plans to meet with the new commissioner and bring him up to speed with the happenings of District 2. Michael also shared information about the Revenue Above Projections (RAP) happening this fall and how it will impact future and incomplete SPLOST projects. PARKS is also in their final preparation for Summer Camp.*

*Finally, Michael shared some of his important takeaways from the Department Head Retreat which included leveraging AI to improve PARKS.*

Chair Demetrius Lockett and Co-Chair Jill Flamm shared Joe Atkins relationship with Cobb County Parks and Recreation as a liaison to the Marietta Galleria Forum. They requested Joe come in to the July or August Rec Board meeting and share updates on what the Galleria authority is doing. *Elliott asked about doing a walkthrough at the Galleria this fall.*

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Demetrius Lockett to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.